Power Thefts

2870. SHRI RAMACHANDRAIAH RUMANDLA : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a)the details of the losses incurred by various State Governments on account of power thefts; and

(b)what steps are taken or proposed to be taken to check the thefts ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI JAYAWANTI MEHTA) ; (a) The losses being incurred by various State Governments on account of power theft cannot be assessed separately. The total T & D losses including losses due to theft of power, losses due to technical reasons and unaccounted losses being assessed by the concerned State Electricity Board/State Electricity Department for the year 1997-98 are given at Statement *{See* below)

(b) Though the Power distribution falls within the purview of the State Governments and the activities pertaining to prevention of theft of electricity and removing of illegal connection have to be taken care of by the power utilities operating under their jurisdiction, theft of electricity has been made a cognizable offence under the Indian Electricity Act, 1910 and the utilities have to effectively implement the provisions of the law to curb the theft of electricity.

(c) Guidelines for Energy Audit and for reduction of transmission and distribution losses have already been issued which included :—

(i) Installation of meters inside tamper proof meter boxes sealed with numbered seals.

(ii) Setting up of vigilance squads and conducting surprise raids to check theft of energy.

(iii) Prosecution against persons found indulging in theft of energy.

In the Power Ministers Conference held on 26-2-2000, it was resolved to reduce the T&D losses by energy audit, 100% metering, reduction of power theft, and strengthening/upgradation of sub-transmission and distribution system.

STATEMENT

*Percentage Transformation, Transmission and Distribution Losses (Including Commercial Losses such as Pilferage Etc.) Jn Sebs/ Eds During the Year 1997-98**

REGIONS.	*S. No.*	*SEBS/EDS*	*1997-98*
NORTHERN	1.	HARYANA	33.04 #
REGION	2.	HIMACHAL PRADESH	19.20
	3.	JAMMU & KASHMIR	47.48 $
'-	4.	PUNJAB	17.90
	5.	RAJASTHAN	26.46
	6.	UTTAR PRADESH	25.00
	7.	CHANDIGARH	14.95
	8.	DVB (DELHI)	46.86 #
WESTERN	1.	GUJARAT	19.66
REGION	2.	MADHYA PRADESH	19.08
	3.	MAHARASHTRA	17.73
	4.	D & N HAVELI	NA
	5.	GOA	23.39
	6.	DAMAN & DIU	11.27
SOUTHERN	1.	ANDHRA PRADESH	31.76
REGION	2.	KARNATAKA	18^.56
	3.	KERALA	17.87
	4.	TAMIL NADU	17.00
	5.	LAKSHDWEEP	15.83
	6.	PONDICHERRY	13.79
EASTERN	1.	BIHAR	25.41
REGION	2.	ORISSA (GRIDCO)	NA
	3.	SIKKIM	20.13
	4.	WEST BENGAL	20.34
	5.	A & N ISLAND	20.51

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NORTH EASTERN	1.	ASSAM	30.05
REGION	2.	MANIPUR	21.50 $
	3.	MEGHALAYA	17.93
	4.	NAGALAND	29.50 $
	5.	TRIPURA	29.75
	6.	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	30.99 $
	7.	MIZORAM	47.00 $

ALL INDIA UTILITIES
* - DATA IS TENTATIVE AS REPORTED BY SEBS/EDS.
# - COMPUTED FIGURES

$ - AS REPORTED IN THE ANNUAL PLAN RESOURCES PAPER SUBMITTED TO PLANNING COMMISSION.

NA -INFORMATION NOT YET FURNISHED BY SEBS/ED.

Power Projects in Gujarat

2871. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a)whether there is any proposal to set up power projects in Gujarat;

(b)if so, the amount released by IDBI, SBI, ICICI to project company;

(c) whether Government have approved the foreign borrowings,

(d) whether the above agencies have released loan without fulfilling any loan conditions; and

(e) the progress of the projects ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA) : (a) to (e) The following thermal power projects in Gujarat are under examination by CEA .—